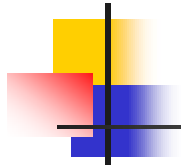




EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Suggestions for the Aging Network

This PowerPoint presentation may serve as a useful tool for emergency service providers.



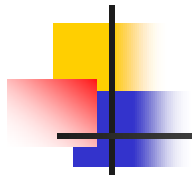
Types of Emergencies

- Natural – hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, wildfires, floods, snow/ice storms, volcanic
- Man-made – large fires, transportation accidents, hazardous materials, explosions, terrorist attacks, WMD, civil unrest



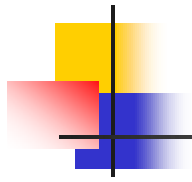
Types of Emergencies (continued)

- Technological – utilities, IT failures
- Public Health Emergency Infectious Diseases – Epidemics, Heat Emergencies



Disaster Statistics

- American Red Cross
 - 2001 – 73,000 disasters (including single family fire)
 - 69,000 people sheltered
 - 122,000 received financial assistance



Phases of Disaster

- Awareness
- Prevention / Mitigation
- Preparedness
- Response
- Recovery

**IN EVERY EMERGENCY
THE FIRST &
HIGHEST PRIORITY**



**PRESERVATION
OF HUMAN LIFE**



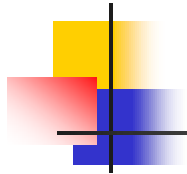
Preparedness

- Activation of emergency operations/command center – information, shelter, services – mass care
- Evacuation if needed



Preparedness (continued)

- Management of fatalities
- Client Preparation & notification First responders to the scene – medical care, search and rescue



Response & Recovery

- First Responders to the Scene = medical care, search and rescue
- Damage assessment
- Restore functioning infrastructure



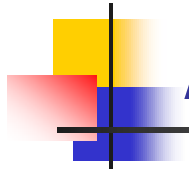
Response & Recovery (continued)

- Outreach – volunteers
- Financial assistance to governments, individuals
- Ongoing care – medical, food and shelter, counseling



Special Needs

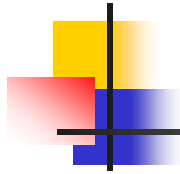
- 54 million US people with limitations who may need assistance– Who are they, where located, type of need?
- Older and fragile persons plus caregivers need to have contingency plans



AoA Systems Approach

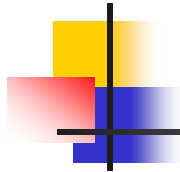
Interface & Support ***First Responders***

- Police, firefighters, emergency medical providers
- American Red Cross
- FEMA Emergency Response Teams



Aging Network Focus

- Preparedness – plan of action for elderly – continuity of services
- Collaboration – Federal, State and Local emergency preparedness teams – Guide and assist with recovery – older persons
- Outreach/counseling



Communication System

*Locate / Help Those Who Need
Immediate Assistance*

- Local TV/radio (if working) source of info and instructions – Contact info
- Phone Tree – Voluntary Registry
- Broadcast E-mail
- Cell phones, pagers, Blackberries
- Eldercare locator



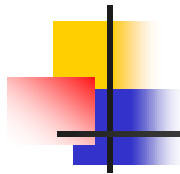
Stafford Disaster Relief & Emergency Assistance Act (1993)

- National guidelines for Federal, State and local Emergency management
- Local – Mayor's Office, County and multi-jurisdictional districts have operational systems and emergency plans



State and Community

- State – Governor's Office manages Statewide system and emergency planning
- Governor may request the President to declare a national emergency



Federal Response Plan

- **Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA)** – Develops & integrates emergency management nationwide
- **Federal Agencies Collaboration** – DHHS Office of Emergency Preparedness, DoT, EPA, DoJ, CDC, and others



Be Prepared

- Have staff, boards, constituents, partners help create an Emergency Response Plan,
- Update 6-12 mos.
- Train staff & practice Plan
- Evaluate and improve – ongoing



Emergency Plan Includes

- Established Partners
- Communication with staff, media, volunteers, older persons
- Evacuation plans
- Identified alternate work sites



AoA TA Material

- Systems Approach
- AoA Disaster Preparedness Manual...(1995)
- Regional Office & SUA contacts
- Grants--SUAs, Tribes in Presidentially declared disaster



AoA TA Material (continued)

- Overview – Aging Network
- Overview – Emergency Mgt. System
- Emergency and Disaster Prep. & Response – AAAs/Service Providers
- Avoiding Exploitation



AoA TA Material (continued)

- Statement of Understanding – AoA/ARC
- Quick Reference Guide for Human and Medical Disaster Services
- Safety Check List



Technical Assistance (other sources)

- FEMA's "ARE YOU READY? – A Guide to Citizen Preparedness
- National Organization on Disability – Emergency Preparedness Initiative Guide for Emergency Managers, Planners & Responders



Technical Assistance (other sources, continued)

- American Red Cross (ARC) “Disaster Preparedness for Seniors by Seniors”
- SBA Loans and Individual Family Grants



AoA Grants

- State Units on Aging, Tribal Organizations
 - Apply through RO
 - One year duration
 - Funding range – \$3,000 to \$150,000 based on need